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In re Application of :  
Nathaniel M. McCully :  
Application No. 09/782,597 :  
Filed: February 12, 2001 :  
Attorney Docket No. 07844-412001 :

ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed November 25, 2002, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application mailed March 13, 2001. The Notice set a period for reply of two (2) months from the mail date of the Notice. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. Accordingly, the above-identified application became abandoned on May 14, 2001.

An extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 must be filed prior to the expiration of the maximum extendable period for reply. See In re Application of S., 8 USPQ2d 1630, 1631 (Comm'r Pats. 1988). Since the request for extension of time submitted with the petition on November 25, 2002 was subsequent to the maximum extendable period for reply, this fee is unnecessary and will be credited to petitioner's deposit account number 06-1050 as authorized.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (703) 306-5594.

The application file is being forwarded to the Office of Initial Patent Examination for further processing.

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